

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A betacellulin mutein or a salt thereof ~~comprising~~
consisting of the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 38.

Claim 2 (previously amended): A betacellulin mutein or salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the pancreatic β cell differentiation promoting activity to the epithelial cell growth promoting activity is at least twice relative to that of betacellulin.

Claims 3-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (original): A method for manufacturing a betacellulin mutein or salt thereof according to Claim 1, characterized by culturing the transformants which have been transformed with recombinant vectors containing DNA encoding the betacellulin mutein according to Claim 1 to produce said betacellulin mutein.

Claim 13 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a betacellulin mutein or salt thereof according to Claim 1.

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (previously added): A method for treatment for diabetes, characterized in that a betacellulin mutein or salt thereof according to Claim 1 is administered to mammals.

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Claim 17 (previously added): The betacellulin mutein or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the mutein has the pancreatic β cell differentiation promoting activity and the reduced epithelial cell growth promoting activity.